

Article - Business Regulation

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§19–103.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Adult entertainment” means live entertainment:

(i) in which individuals appear for public view in a state of nudity or partial nudity; or

(ii) that, applying contemporary standards, the average individual would find, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest.

(3) “Adult entertainment establishment” means a business establishment where adult entertainment is offered.

(4) “Truck stop” means a facility:

(i) the primary purpose of which is to provide services to long-haul truck drivers; and

(ii) that provides:

1. shower facilities to the truck drivers for a fee; or

2. parking for the truck drivers’ vehicles.

(b) (1) The owner of a privately owned bus station, truck stop, or adult entertainment establishment shall post the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information sign described in § 15–207 of this article in each restroom of the bus station, truck stop, or adult entertainment establishment.

(2) A sign required under this section shall be posted:

(i) on the inside of each stall door in the restroom; or

(ii) on the back of the door at the entrance to the restroom.

(c) (1) An agency that enforces this section and determines that a violation of this section has occurred shall notify the business owner of the bus

station, truck stop, or adult entertainment establishment, or the business owner's agent, of the violation.

(2) If the business owner of the bus station, truck stop, or adult entertainment establishment does not post signs as required under this section within 24 hours after receiving the notice required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the business owner is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$1,000.

(3) For each restroom in which a business owner fails to post a sign in accordance with this section, the business owner is subject to a separate civil penalty.

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